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***Raised Bill No. 439***

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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

***An Act Establishing A Policy For The State Purchase Of Environmentally Preferable Products.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (a) As used in this section, "environmentally  
2       preferable" means products, services or practices that have a lesser or  
3       reduced negative effect on human health and the environment when  
4       compared to competing products, services or practices that serve the  
5       same function. In determining if a product is environmentally  
6       preferable, consideration may be given to raw materials acquisition,  
7       production, manufacturing, packaging, distribution, reuse, operation,  
8       maintenance or disposal of the product.

9       (b) Within available appropriations, the Department of  
10      Administrative Services shall establish procedures that promote, to the  
11      greatest extent feasible, the statewide procurement and use of recycled  
12      products and environmentally preferable products and services. The  
13      department shall: (1) Designate environmentally preferable products  
14      and establish minimum standards and specifications for their  
15      procurement and use; (2) when feasible, include the use of  
16      environmentally preferable products and services as a criteria in a

17 multiple criteria bid or an evaluation factor in requests for proposals;  
18 and (3) consider the use of environmentally preferable business  
19 practices when reviewing the overall performance of a bidder or  
20 proposer's business operation.

21 (c) Within available appropriations, the department shall: (1)  
22 Develop and maintain information about environmentally preferable  
23 products and services and recycled products; (2) provide  
24 implementation assistance and information to agencies about the use  
25 of environmentally preferable products and services; and (3) monitor  
26 the use of environmentally preferable products and services and  
27 recycled products by state agencies.

28 Sec. 2. Section 4a-67d of the general statutes is repealed and the  
29 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

30 [(a)] Any car or light duty truck purchased by the state shall [have a  
31 manufacturer's estimated mileage rating as follows: On and after July  
32 1, 1993, at least twenty-nine miles per gallon highway gasoline mileage  
33 rating for cars and at least twenty-four miles per gallon highway  
34 gasoline mileage rating for light duty trucks; on and after January 1,  
35 1997, at least thirty-eight miles per gallon highway gasoline mileage  
36 rating for cars and at least thirty miles per gallon highway gasoline  
37 mileage rating for light duty trucks and on and after January 1, 2000, at  
38 least forty-five miles per gallon highway gasoline mileage rating for  
39 cars and at least thirty-five miles per gallon highway gasoline mileage  
40 rating for light duty trucks] comply with the requirements set forth in  
41 10 CFR 490 concerning the percentage of alternative fueled vehicles  
42 required in the state motor vehicle fleet. The alternative fueled vehicles  
43 purchased by the state to comply with said requirements shall be  
44 capable of operating on natural gas or electricity or any other system  
45 acceptable to the United States Department of Energy that operates on  
46 fuel that is available in the state.

47 [(b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to  
48 cars or light duty trucks purchased for law enforcement or other

49 special use purposes as designated by the Department of  
50 Administrative Services or to cars or light duty trucks purchased by  
51 the state and intended for conversion into natural gas or electric-  
52 powered vehicles.

53 (c) As used in this section, the terms "car" and "light duty truck"  
54 shall be as defined in the United States Department of Energy  
55 Publication DOE/CE -0019/8, or any successor publication.

56 (d) At least ten per cent of all cars and light duty trucks purchased  
57 by the state in calendar years 1993 and 1994 for purposes other than  
58 law enforcement or other special use purposes as designated by the  
59 Department of Administrative Services shall be powered by  
60 combustion of natural gas or electricity. The provisions of this  
61 subsection shall not apply during any period for which the  
62 Commissioner of Administrative Services provides a written  
63 certification to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management  
64 that a suitable natural gas refueling infrastructure is not available or is  
65 otherwise not feasible, or, in the case of electric-powered vehicles, that  
66 such vehicles are not available in sufficient numbers or at a reasonable  
67 cost provided any such certification shall be made quarterly and  
68 provided further the commissioner shall implement the provisions of  
69 this subsection upon the earliest availability of such infrastructure.]

70 Sec. 3. Section 4a-67e of the general statutes is repealed and the  
71 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

72 [On and after August 1, 1994, all] All recycled xerographic or copy  
73 paper purchased by the state for use in state offices shall meet the  
74 applicable minimum recycled content standards established in federal  
75 Executive Order No. 12873, and any regulations or guidelines  
76 promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency to  
77 carry out the purposes of said order, for purchase of paper by the  
78 federal government provided such paper shall have a composition  
79 such that at least [ten] thirty per cent of the fiber material used to  
80 produce such paper is derived from postconsumer recovered paper.

81 Any recycled white paper used for state lottery tickets and tax return  
82 forms shall meet the standards provided therein for xerographic copy  
83 paper provided at least ten per cent of the fiber material used to  
84 produce such paper is derived from postconsumer recovered paper  
85 and further provided the recycled paper for lottery tickets meets  
86 lottery security requirements. On and after January 1, 1994, tax return  
87 booklets prepared by the Department of Revenue Services shall be  
88 printed on recycled paper which meets the minimum recycled content  
89 standards for white paper or newsprint, whichever is used in such  
90 booklets, established by the United States Environmental Protection  
91 Agency provided at least [ten] thirty per cent of the fiber material used  
92 to produce such white paper is derived from postconsumer recovered  
93 paper.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To establish a comprehensive policy for the purchase of environmentally preferable products, services and practices for the state, to increase the postconsumer content of paper used by the state from ten to thirty per cent and to adopt federal standards for the purchase and use of the state motor vehicle fleet.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*